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[redacted] MEDIA CONTACT, "WILLAMETTE WEEK," PORTLAND, OREGON.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, SEPTEMBER 8, 1976.

REFERENCED TELETYPE SET FORTH INFORMATION THAT U.S. ATTORNEY

A) SIDNEY I. LEZAK ADVISED [redacted]

"WILLAMETTE WEEK," ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, THAT THE SELLING

MATTER HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT [redacted]

[redacted] SUBJECT OF SELLING'S ALLEGATIONS, HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY

ADVISED CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS AND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S

FINAL CONCLUSION. USA LEZAK ALSO ADVISED [redacted] THAT HE WILL

RELEASE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SELLING MATTER UNLESS

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ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, USA LEZAK ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN

IN CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WHO IN TURN HAD TOLD HIM THAT

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THE SELLING MATTER HAD BEEN RE-OPENED BASED ON CURRENT INVESTIGATION BY FBI TASK FORCE LOOKING INTO SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES. USA LEZAK ALSO ADVISED HE HAD RE-CONTACTED [redacted] STATING THAT HE HAD BEEN INCORRECT ON HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT AND THAT THE SELLING MATTER HAD BEEN RE-OPENED AND WAS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT. b6 b7C

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, [redacted] RE-CONTACTED THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE TO ADVISE OF HIS CONTACT WITH USA LEZAK.

DURING THE EVENING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TWO OF THE SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE PORTLAND DIVISION NAMED BY SELLING IN HIS ALLEGATIONS. THESE CONTACTS WERE MADE AT THE AGENTS' HOMES. [redacted] WAS ADVISED BY BOTH AGENTS INVOLVED THAT THEY HAD BEEN CONTACTED EARLIER IN THE DAY BY ASAC [redacted] AND HAD INDICATED TO HIM THEY DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS MATTER, AND [redacted] ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED THEY DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT. [redacted] INDICATED DURING THE CONTACT ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, THAT HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT A THIRD AGENT NAMED IN THE ALLEGATIONS, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS ADVISED HIS EFFORTS b6 b7C

WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE INASMUCH AS THE AGENT WAS ON ANNUAL LEAVE AND NOT IN THE PORTLAND AREA. [redacted] INDICATED HE FELT HIS INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE AGENTS NAMED IN THE ALLEGATIONS.

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THE ISSUE OF THE "WILLAMETTE WEEK" NEWSPAPER FOR WHICH THIS ARTICLE IS BEING PREPARED WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1976.

BASED ON THE ABOVE CONTACTS, PORTLAND FEELS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT "WILLAMETTE WEEK" WILL ATTEMPT TO SHOW THEIR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS CAUSED THE RE-OPENING OF THE SELLING MATTER. THIS IN FACT IS NOT TRUE, AS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN RE-OPENED AS PART OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES.

PORTLAND WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND WILL FURNISH TO FBIHQ CONTENTS OF THE PUBLISHED ARTICLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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NEWS MEDIA CONTACT, "WILLAMETTE WEEK NEWSPAPER", SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, MEDIA RELATIONS, (OO: PORTLAND)

RE PORTLAND TELETYPES, SEPTEMBER 9, 1976 (NR), AND SEPTEMBER 10, 1976 (ATT), TO BUREAU.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1976, [redacted] ASSOCIATED PRESS, PORTLAND, OREGON, ADVISED THAT A NEWS RELEASE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE "WILLAMETTE WEEK" NEWSPAPER ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976, INDICATING THAT A COPYRIGHT STORY WOULD BE PUBLISHED BY "WILLAMETTE WEEK" ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1976. THIS COPYRIGHTED STORY WILL REFER TO A SELF-CONFESSED BREAK-IN OF A PORTLAND RESIDENCE BY ALAN SELLING. THE STORY WILL BE WRITTEN UNDER THE BYLINE OF [redacted] ALLEGED BREAK-IN TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED UNDER THE

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DIRECTION OF SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE PORTLAND DIVISION.

ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES FROM OTHER MEDIA WITHIN THE PORTLAND AREA HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1976. FOLLOWING A TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE WITH SA [redacted] EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, AND USA SIDNEY I. LEZAK, ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [redacted] [redacted] IS ISSUING THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE:

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"TO MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE NO BREAK-INS OR BURGLARIES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY ANY INFORMANT OF THE FBI THROUGH HIS OWN INITIATIVE OR AT THE DIRECTION OF AN FBI AGENT OF THE PORTLAND OFFICE. I HAVE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC JOHN W. O'ROURKE WHO ALSO ADVISES THAT TO HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE HE KNOWS OF NO SUCH ACTIVITY. SINCE THE MATTER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NO FURTHER RESPONSE CAN BE MADE BY THE FBI CONCERNING IT AND ALL INQUIRIES ARE BEING REFERRED TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE."

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USA SIDNEY I. LEZAK IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THIS MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REOPENED AS A

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REPORTERS MENTIONED ABOVE.

FBIHQ AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DETAILS.

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NEWS MEDIA CONTACT, "WILLAMETTE WEEK," PORTLAND, OREGON.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ASAC [redacted] WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SEPTEMBER 7, 1976, BY [redacted] "WILLAMETTE WEEK" NEWSPAPER. [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD OBSERVED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN SUNDAY "OREGONIAN" NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER 5, 1976, CONCERNING A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROBE OF VARIOUS FBI OFFICES INCLUDING PORTLAND TO UNCOVER ILLEGAL BUREAU PRACTICES. [redacted] DESIRED AN INTERVIEW WITH ASAC [redacted] IN ORDER TO ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. APPOINTMENT WAS MADE FOR THIS INTERVIEW, 10:00 A.M., SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, AT PORTLAND OFFICE.

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ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, [redacted] APPEARED AT THE PORTLAND OFFICE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO INDIVIDUALS, [redacted] AND [redacted] WHO HE INTRODUCED AS HIS REPORTERS of "Willamette Week" OREGON

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THE REPORTERS ASKED VARIOUS GENERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING BUREAU INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES, RESPONSIBILITIES, JURISDICTION, GUIDELINES AND INFORMANTS.

THE REPORTERS REQUESTED A COPY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL GUIDELINES ON DOMESTIC SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND WERE REFERRED TO ROBERT HAVEL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE (202) 737-8200.

THESE REPORTERS STATED THEY HAD NOTARIZED STATEMENTS FROM AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS ALAN SELLING, WHO ALLEGED FBI AGENTS DIRECTED HIM TO COMMIT ILLEGAL ACTS AGAINST THE FAMILY OF A WEATHERMAN FUGITIVE IN PORTLAND, OREGON, DURING 1974. THE REPORTERS WERE REFERRED TO THE PORTLAND U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CONCERNING THIS MATTER. FBIHQ IS REFERRED TO BUFILE [redacted] THIS MATTER HAS BEEN FULLY INVESTIGATED BY FBIHQ AND THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT. IN MAY, 1975, J. STANLEY POTTINGER, ASSISTANT

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, ADVISED THAT HIS DIVISION HAD FULLY REVIEWED CLAIMS AND ALLEGATIONS MADE BY ALAN SELLING AND FOUND, "NO BASIS FOR ANY ACTION BY THIS DIVISION." BY LETTER DATED MAY 30, 1975, [redacted] [redacted] ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ADVISED U.S. ATTORNEY SIDNEY I. LEZAK THAT SELLING WAS PSYCHOLOGICALLY UNSTABLE; NOT A RELIABLE WITNESS, AND THAT IT IS PROBABLE HE INVENTED FBI PARTICIPATION IN HIS WRONGFUL ACTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT NO PROSECUTION COULD BE FOUNDED ON SELLING'S TESTIMONY.

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REPORTERS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF ANY INFORMANT HAD BEEN REPORTED BY AN AGENT IN THE PORTLAND OFFICE TO HAVE BROKEN INTO ANY HOUSES SINCE JANUARY, 1974. THEY WERE FURNISHED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE BY ASAC [redacted]:

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"INSOFAR AS I KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN NO BREAK-INS BY INFORMANTS IN THE PORTLAND AREA, EITHER AT THE INSTRUCTION OF AN AGENT OR ON THE INFORMANT'S OWN INITIATIVE. IF SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD COME TO MY ATTENTION, YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT THE

MATTER WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN. I HAVE CONFERRED TELEPHONICALLY WITH SAC JOHN W. O'ROURKE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND HE HAS ADVISED ME THAT HE IS LIKEWISE UNAWARE OF ANY BREAK-INS."

IT IS NOTED THAT DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRE ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE NEWS MEDIA. IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] WAS IDENTIFIED [redacted] "WILLAMETTE WEEK" AS A REPORTER FOR "WILLAMETTE WEEK." PORTLAND IS NOT IN POSSESSION OF CURRENT PROSECUTIVE STATUS CONCERNING [redacted] FOR HARBORING OF [redacted] IN THE HEARNAP MATTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FBIHQ IMMEDIATELY BRING [redacted] STATUS AS A REPORTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT IF, IN FACT, PROSECUTION IS BEING CONSIDERED AGAINST HIM. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO U.S. ATTORNEY SIDNEY I. LEZAK AND FIRST AUSA [redacted] PORTLAND, WHO WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE SELLING SITUATION. U.S. ATTORNEY LEZAK ADVISED THAT HE WAS CONTACTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, BY [redacted] HE ADVISED [redacted] THAT THE

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SELLING MATTER HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT [redacted] THE SUBJECT OF SELLING'S ALLEGATIONS, HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS AND OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FINAL CONCLUSION. [redacted] HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THE "WILLAMETTE WEEK" AND HE, [redacted] TOLD THEM OF HIS KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING SELLING. U.S. ATTORNEY LEZAK ADVISED [redacted] [redacted] THAT HE WILL RELEASE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SELLING MATTER UNLESS IT IS PUBLIC RECORD. U.S. ATTORNEY LEZAK SPECULATED THAT [redacted]

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INFORMATION COPIES TO SAN FRANCISCO AND PHILADELPHIA IN VIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST CONCERNING [redacted] [redacted] REQUESTED TO BE ALLOWED TO INVIEW SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE PORTLAND OFFICE NAMED BY SELLING IN HIS ALLEGATIONS. SPECIAL AGENTS INVOLVED WILL NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH

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PART OF THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES.

THE BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED A COPY OF THE "WILLAMETTE WEEK" ARTICLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ADVISED OF ANY FURTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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